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## **Secretary of the Army Recognizes Environmental Excellence**

The Secretary of the Army announced today his award winners for environmental excellence during fiscal year 2004.

Five installations, one team and one individual will receive Secretary of the Army's environmental awards for their dedication to environmental stewardship while sustaining the Army's mission.

Some of the noteworthy accomplishments credited to this year's winners include: identifying a new, quick and cost-effective method for the removal of chlorinated solvents from soil; creating a Native American Keepsafe Cemetery that will protect Native American artifacts; developing a tool that can create large-scale land cover maps of an entire installation; and conducting community education events such as cultural enrichment lectures.

The winners are:

- Fort Drum, N.Y. — Natural Resources Conservation, Installation
- Fort Riley, Kan. — Environmental Restoration, Installation
- Fort Campbell, Ky. — Pollution Prevention, Installation
- Tobyhanna Army Depot, Penn. — Environmental Quality, Installation
- U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii — Cultural Resources Management, Installation
- Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Va. — Pollution Prevention, Team
- Lt. Col. Michael Tarpley, Louisiana Army National Guard — Cultural Resources Management, Individual

"These installations, teams, and individuals demonstrate the Army's commitment to successful stewardship of the environment. They represent some of the nation's most innovative and effective environment programs - programs that also enhance the Army's ability to provide the nation a secure future," said Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for the Environment, Safety and Occupational Health. "Their dedication and expertise has earned them the Army's highest honor for outstanding environmental stewardship."

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Representatives from the US Army Environmental Protection Agency; the US Fish and Wildlife Service; the US Coast Guard; the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; the National Land Trust; the Nature Conservatory; the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive; and regulators from Colorado, Maryland, and Missouri served as judges.

The Army invests in environmental programs to move beyond mere compliance with environmental regulations. Practicing responsible environmentalism while sustaining realistic training and testing capabilities ensures American Soldiers can successfully fight the Global War on Terrorism.

Winners will receive their awards at installation ceremonies across the nation in the spring 2005. They will subsequently go on to compete for Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards.

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For details about the fiscal 2004 Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards recipients visit the US Army Environmental Center's Web site at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/publicaffairs/awards00.html>.